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Introduced by M. of A. D'URSO, CRESPO, ORTIZ, MONTESANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH, DAVILA, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to illegal dumping local enforcement grants

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 27-0111 to read as follows:

§ 27-0111. Illegal dumping local enforcement grants.

1. The commissioner is authorized to contract to make a state grant, within the limit of appropriation therefor, to local police agencies in conjunction with any municipal agency having authority over local sanitization or waste management for up to ninety percent of the costs to mitigate illegal dumping, not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each recipient in a fiscal year.

2. Eligible costs may include, but shall not be limited to:

(a) The purchase and installation of surveillance cameras trained on known illegal dumping sites;

(b) Personal and non-personal service costs associated with conducting sting operations at known illegal dumping sites; and

(c) Illegal dumping location surveys, mapping and other investigatory data collection.

3. The commissioner, in cooperation with the division of state police, shall provide technical expertise to grant awardees to implement standards of evidence and prosecution, develop strategies to combat illegal dumping using surveillance cameras and sting operations, and develop guidelines to protect personal privacy while carrying out activities funded through local illegal dumping enforcement grants.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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4. Where surveillance cameras are installed, local police agencies or municipal agencies receiving grant funding shall notify, in writing, all residents within a one-quarter mile area of such installation and surveillance camera use.

5. Grant recipients shall report to the commissioner on the outcomes of cases involving grant funded surveillance and cessation of illegal dumping operations within forty-five days of closure.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.